



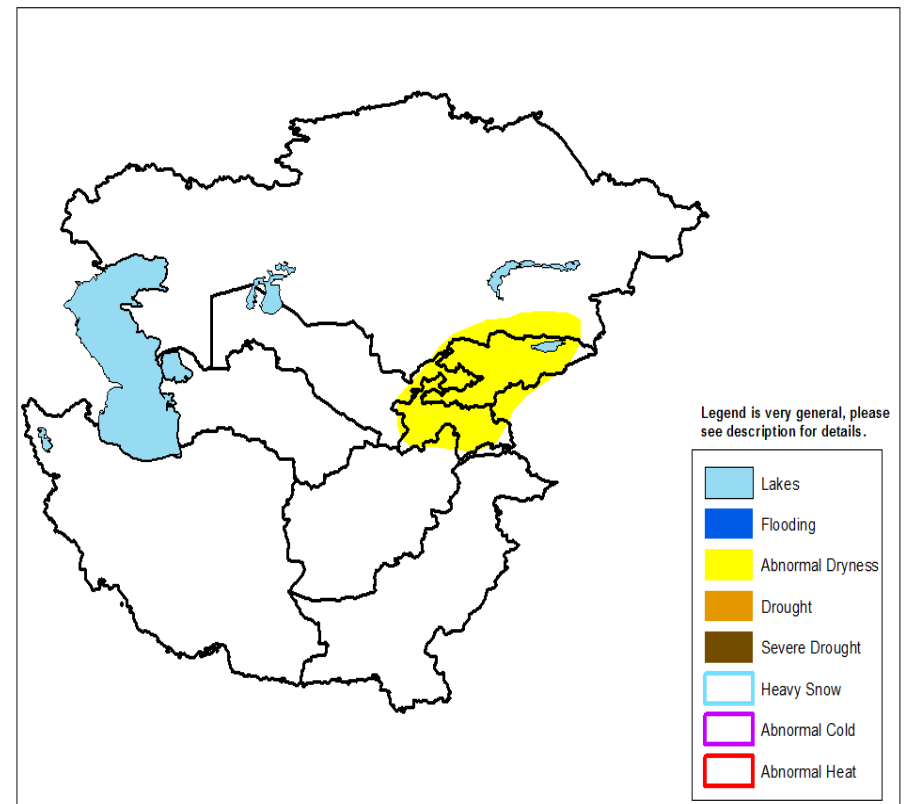
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook November 21 – November 27, 2013

Temperatures:

Temperatures continued to average above-normal throughout North Central Asia, with the largest warm anomalies ranging between 6-9 degrees Celsius over northern Kazakhstan. Meanwhile, temperatures remained near normal farther south. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are expected to persist in northern Kazakhstan, while near average temperatures are forecast over South Central Asia. Minimum temperature may fall below -10 degrees Celsius in central Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Early-season dryness persisted over the higher elevations of South Central Asia as drier weather continued during the past week. Precipitation anomalies over the past sixty days indicated widespread deficits, with the largest negative anomalies over Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and southeastern Kazakhstan. During the next week, light precipitation is forecast over west-central Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and eastern Kazakhstan. This should help to provide partial relief to dryness and reduce precipitation deficits in the region.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.